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20. (new) The method of claim 11, wherein the material introduced into the mixing chamber comprises a mixture.--

REMARKS

Applicants submit this Preliminary Amendment together with an Appendix to Amendment Dated February 11, 2002, and a patent application under 37 C.F.R. § 1.53(b).

In this Preliminary Amendment, Applicants amend the title and add section headings, section subheadings, and an Abstract of the Disclosure to conform to U.S. practice. Additionally, Applicants add claims to the right of priority and benefit. Additionally, Applicants cancel, without prejudice or disclaimer, claims 1-10, and add new claims 11-20, which include the same subject matter as the original claims, to improve clarity. The originally-filed specification, claims, abstract, and drawings fully support the amendments to the specification and the addition of new claims 11-20. No new matter was introduced.

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Amendments to the Title

Please amend the title, as follows:

CLOSED MIXER WORKING PROCESS[,] WITH STROKE-CONTROL RAM

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